



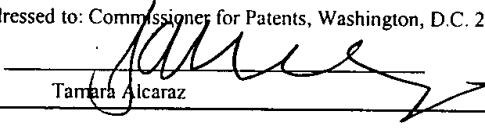
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Vernon WONG and Frank KOCHINKE

Serial No.: 09/160,635

Filing Date: September 24, 1998

For: IMPROVED FORMULATION FOR
CONTROLLED RELEASE OF DRUGS
BY COMBINING HYDROPHILIC AND
HYDROPHOBIC AGENTS

Examiner: E. Webman

Group Art Unit: 1617

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2002 (Paper No. 20) for which a response is due on August 28, 2002. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a three (3) month extension of time to extend the period for response up to, and including, November 28, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Claims 10, 13, 15-20, 22-25, 28, and 29 were pending in this application. Claims 19, 20, 22-25, 28, and 29 were allowed. Claims 10, 13, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and claims 15-17 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim. In this Response, new claims 34-43 have been added. No claims have been

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amended or cancelled. Consequently, claims 10, 13, 15-20, 22-25, 28, 29, and 34-43 are under consideration. Reconsideration and allowance of the Application is hereby respectfully requested.